

CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR.

Norway Is the Least Intemperate of All the Nations.

Americans are only moderate drinkers compared with those of other countries. The average citizen of the United States, counting in the women and children (which is not fair, but serves for the moment as a basis to figure upon), consumes in the course of a year liquors which contain one and a third gallons of pure alcohol. But the Frenchman, who, though formerly one of the soberest, has become the worst drunkard in the world, absorbs annually three and a half gallons of alcohol. The Belgian and the Swiss come next, with a consumption of two and four-fifths gallons. Then follow the Spaniard with two and a third gallons, the Italian with just a trifle less, the Englishman and German with two and a tenth, and the Austro-Hungarian with about one and three-quarters gallons.

On the other hand, the American citizen by no means stands at the top of the list in respect to sobriety. The Swede drinks only one and a sixth gallons of pure alcohol in a year; the Hollander drops considerably below him, with one gallon even; the relatively virtuous Russian, notwithstanding his much advertised addiction to vodka, absorbs only a trifle more than six-tenths of a gallon, and, finally, the Norwegian, who occupies a proud eminence as the most abstemious man in the world, barely exceeds a modest half gallon of the stuff in a twelvemonth's potations. It might be added for the sake of definiteness that the average person in the United States annually drinks one and a third gallons of proof spirits (which are 50 per cent alcohol), one-third of a gallon of wine and sixteen and a quarter gallons of malt liquors, chiefly beer.—Pearson's Magazine.

ECSTASIES OF MECCA.

Scene at the Annual Visitation of Mohammedan Pilgrims.

Mecca, at the season of the annual visitation of Mohammedan pilgrims, is thus described in Everybody's in "With the Pilgrims to Mecca," translated from the narrative of Ibn Jubayr All of Bandar Adas:

"Like a gigantic catafalque, somber, shrouded in mystery, the Kaaba rises out of the seething sea of white garbed humanity that crowds the great sacred square of Mecca. Its door is covered with plates of solid silver studded with silver nails. From the exterior of the roof, above a stone marking the sepulcher of Ishmael, which lies at the base of the northern wall, there projects a horizontal, semicircular rain spout five yards long, twenty-four inches wide, made of massive gold. Within the roof is supported by three columns of alve wood; the walls are hung with red velvet alternating with white squares in which are written in Arabic the words, 'Allah-Jal-Jelalah' ('Praise to God, the Almighty'). The building is packed with pilgrims, praying, weeping, beside themselves in an ecstasy of passionate devotion. Mingled with their voices there rises from outside the chant of the Talbi, the song of the winding sheet, which every pilgrim must sing on entering Mecca, on donning the sacred Ihram, on entering the Haram, and on starting for Mina, the valley of desire, and Arafat, the mountain of compassion."

Great in His Line.

Mr. Robert Barr once showed a portrait of Mark Twain to a silk merchant of Lyons. "Tell me who that is," Mr. Barr said. The merchant gazed at the portrait and answered, "I should say he was a statesman." "Supposing you wrong in that, what would be your next guess?" asked Mr. Barr. "If he is not a maker of history he is perhaps a writer of it; a great historian, probably. Of course it is impossible for me to guess accurately except by accident, but I use the adjective 'great' because I am convinced this man is great in his line, whatever it is. If he makes silk, he makes the best." Mr. Barr told the French merchant who the portrait represented and said, "You have summed him up in your last sentence."—London News.

Speaking of Ancestry.

Mr. Chase has such an exaggerated respect for the blue blood of Boston which runs in his veins that his manner is slightly patronizing. He was lately introduced to a Syrian of good birth and education who lives in this country.

"And may I inquire," he said blandly in the course of the conversation, "if you are of the Christian religion?" "My family was converted to Christ's teaching at the time of John's second visit to Lebanon," quietly replied the Syrian.—Youth's Companion.

His Intellectual Size.

Cholly Nitwit—Dye know, Miss Cutter, though I've only just met you, there seems to be a—er—sort of intellectual sympathy between us. You know just how to appeal to my tastes, you know. Are you a literary woman? Dolly Cutter—No, I'm a kindergarten teacher.—Cleveland Leader.

The Face.

If we could but read it every human being carries his life in his face and is good looking or the reverse as that life has been good or evil. On our features the fine chisels of thought and emotion are eternally at work.—Alexander Smith.

Like the Stars.

She—You've been out every night since I married you, and you swore you would be as true as the stars above. He—Well, ain't the stars above out every night too?—Judge.

Inveterate, organic mistrust is always the result of bad education or ignorance.—Raymond.

Bird Confidence.

Mr. Bell's aviary presented a pretty evidence of mutual confidence among birds. A pair of Java sparrows lived in a compartment with a "bleeding heart" pigeon. The latter fell in love with them and at night always cuddled a sparrow under each wing. When seen by the light of a lantern the pigeon seemed to be cuddling two babies, one under each wing, from which the cheerful countenances of the little sparrows looked with blinking eyes.—London Spectator.

Living indoors so much during the winter months creates a sort of a stuffy, want-of-ozone condition in the blood and system generally. Clean up and get ready for spring. Take a few Early Risers. These famous little pills cleanse the liver, stomach and bowels and give the blood a chance to purify itself. They relieve headache, sallow complexion, etc. Sold by F. V. Hunter.

SPECIAL EXCURSION RATES.

United Confederate Veterans Re-Union: New Orleans, La., April 25-27, 06. Tickets sold April 22-24, 1906. Final limit, leaving New Orleans April 30th. By personally depositing tickets with Joseph Richardson, Theatre Arcade, not earlier than April 26th or later than April 30, 1906 and payment of fee of 50 cents, extension will be given to leave New Orleans not later than midnight May 21, 1906. Rate from Asheville for round trip \$14.90.

Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, May 7-10, 1906.

San Francisco and Los Angeles, California. Tickets sold April 24th to May 4th, inclusive. Final limit July 31st, 1906, prior to midnight of which passengers must reach original starting point. Rate from Asheville \$75.50 for round trip.

National Educational Association Convention July 9-13, 06. San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cal. Tickets sold June 24th to July 6th inclusive. Final limit Sept. 15, 1906 prior to midnight of which passengers must reach original starting point. For further information apply to the undersigned. Rate from Asheville \$77.50 for round trip.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Greenville, S. C. Tickets sold May 14th, 15th and 16th. Rate, one first class ticket split \$2.00, for round trip. Rate from Asheville, N. C. \$5.15

Southern Baptist Convention and Auxiliary Societies. May 10-15th, 1906. Chattanooga, Tenn. Rate one first class fare plus 25 cents for round trip. Rate from Asheville \$7.60. Tickets sold May 8th-9th-10th, 1906. Final limit 10 days in addition to date of sale.

Quarto Centennial Exercises, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. Rate one first class fare plus 25 cents for round trip. Rate from Asheville, \$12.80. Tickets will be sold April 2nd and 3rd, final limit April 8th, 1906.

Summer school of the South, June 19th to July 27, 1906. Knoxville, Tenn. Tickets will be sold June 17th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 30th, July 7th, 14th, 15th, 1906, with final limit 15 days in addition to date of sale. One first class fare, plus 25 cents for round trip. Rate from Asheville \$4.25.

National Grand Lodge of United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mystical. Lexington, Ky., July 30, Aug. 3, 1906. Tickets will be sold July 29-30 and August 1st, final limit August 5th, 1906. Rate one fare plus 25 cents. Rate from Asheville \$10.15.

Peabody College Summer Schools for Teachers: Vanderbilt's University Biblical Institute, June 10. Aug. 10. Nashville, Tenn. Tickets will be sold June 10-11-12-18-19-20. July 19-16-1906, with final limit 15 days from date of sale. Rate one first class fare plus 25 cents. Rate from Asheville \$10.50.

University Summer School, June 26th-27th, 1906, Athens, Ga. Tickets sold June 23-24-25-26-30. July 2-9-16-1906, with final limit 15 days from date of sale. Rate one first class fare plus 25 cents. Rate from Asheville, \$6.65.

The following rates are arranged on the Certificate Plan. Annual Meeting Baptist Woman's Missionary Society. Durham, N. C., April 10-12-1906.

So. Carolina Retail Hardware Association, Columbia, S. C., June 12-14, 1906.

North Carolina Federation of Womans Clubs, Charlotte, N. C., May 1-3, 1906.

Grand Lodge of N. C. Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Goldsboro, N. C. May 3-11 1906.

Royal Arcanum Grand Council of N. C., Wilmington, N. C. April 10-12.

Oasis Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, April 11th 1906, Columbia, S. C.

Grand Council of North Carolina, Independent Order of Red Men. May 2-4, 1906, Raleigh, N. C.

State Board of Medical Examiners and N. C. Medical Society, May 23-June 1st, 1906, Charlotte, N. C.

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons and Grand Commandery, Knights Templars, Charlotte, N. C. May 8-12-1906.

Annual Tournament, So. Golf Association May 2-3-1906., New Orleans, La.

For further information as to rates, schedules and etc., apply to the undersigned.

R. H. GRAHAM, Ticket Agent.

J. H. Wood, District Passenger Agent.

Notice and Order for Town Election

Be it ordered by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hendersonville:

That an election shall be held in the Town of Hendersonville on Tuesday after the first Monday in the month of May 1906, for the purpose of electing three town commissioners to serve as follows: For a term of two years, as provided by law.

It is further ordered that J. D. Dermid be and is hereby appointed Registrar of said election and W. E. Jackson and L. T. Williams be and are hereby appointed Judges of said election, who shall hold and conduct said election and make due return thereof, as is required by law.

That the said Registrar shall immediately take the existing Registration books, revise the same, and open the same for the registration of new electors, as is provided by law.

That all Ballots shall be printed or written upon white paper 3 inches square, and shall be without device, mutilation or ornamentation.

That there shall be but one polling place in the Town of Hendersonville, which shall be at the Town Hall, and shall be properly fenced and guarded as required by law.

That the Secretary of this Board shall be required to insert a copy of this order in each of the two newspapers published in the Town of Hendersonville, for the information of the public, and cause a copy thereof to be served on the aforesaid Registrar and each of the Judges by the Sheriff of Henderson county, that they may take due notice of their appointment, and cause a copy of the same to be posted at the Court House door and the Town Hall door in Hendersonville and two other public places in said Town.

Done at a regular meeting of the Board, this 5th day of April, 1906.

A. F. P. KING, Mayor.

Test:
O. E. BLYTHE, Secretary

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NOTICE OF SALE.

State of North Carolina,

County of Henderson.

In the Superior Court, before the Clerk, M. H. Finlay, J. C. Drake and wife, Mary H. Drake, and A. F. Finlay,

vs.
Alexander Finlay, George Finlay, James Finlay, Hattie Finlay, Edward Finlay, Albert Finlay, Arthur Finlay, Walter Finlay and Robert Finlay.

Notice of Sale.
By authority of a decree of the Superior Court of Henderson county in the above entitled case, dated the 27th day of February, 1906, I will, on Thursday, the 3rd day of May, 1906, at the court house door in Hendersonville, N. C., within the legal hours of sale, offer for sale at public outcry, and sell to the highest bidder, for partition among the heirs-at-law of John Finlay and William Finlay, deceased, all that land described in the petition in the above entitled cause, to wit: All that land in Henderson county, N. C., known as the John Finlay residence lot, containing 80 acres, more or less, including the mill site, and bounded by the Drake tract, Alex Finlay tract, Will Finlay tract and Robert Finlay tract, and all that land described in deed registered in book 32, page 12 of said records, containing 80 acres, more or less.

Said lands have been subdivided into fourteen (14) lots, as per plat which can be seen at the law office of Smith & Schenck, in the town of Hendersonville, and which will be exhibited at the sale. The land will be sold first by lots, separately, and then offered as a whole to any one who will pay more than the aggregate price bid for the lands in lots. Terms of sale, one-half cash, and balance in twelve months, with interest at 6 per cent.

This 28th day of March, 1906.

MICHAEL SCHENCK, Commissioner.



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